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Gov. Stephens of California is having a little war all his own. Fortunately, the efforts of the enemy failed to reach their aim.

Now that the armistice has been signed, it remains to be seen how soon the German wolf eats up the Russian lamb (once bear).

Senator Dillingham is receiving congratulations on reaching his 74th birthday last Wednesday, Dec. 12, and The Times desires to add its good wishes.

Everybody in Boston, barring John M. Curley, is willing to admit that Andrew J. Peters has the makings of a good mayor; Curley's opinion is biased in the extreme. Incidentally, Boston has done well to get rid of Curley.

The country is anxiously awaiting to hear of the next sensational exploit by Congressman Tinkham of Massachusetts. We expect to hear that he has delivered a speech to the enemy from a soaring airplane, said speech being, of course, delivered in manuscript form.

It turns out that Japan did not even send troops to Vladivostok to protect Japan-manufactured goods shipped to Russia, to say nothing of failure to send an army to the European war front. There is still something to explain about the attitude of the Japanese government in this war.

Again those Christmas club bank checks are coming in handily. At the same time you are filling out Uncle Sam's thrift cards with stamps to aid in the prosecution of the war don't forget to lay by something each week to put in the bank, either on the thrift club plan or in straight deposit.

Up to the present time Herr Appelmann has not sent back Christmas greetings from an American prisoners' camp in Germany. So we are forced to conclude that Herr Appelmann has not had his dearest ambition fulfilled as yet; that is, the ambition which he set forth so clearly in his valedictory to the United States.

Another congressman of stern stuff—Representative Royal C. Johnson of South Dakota, who has enlisted as a private in the regular army assigned to duty at Camp Meade. He really goes Gardner of Massachusetts one better, because Representative Johnson starts as a mere private while Gardner had a commission of colonel at the outset.

Christmas shoppers will find that Barre merchants are keeping up to their reputation of putting large and attractive arrays of goods on their counters and shelves for the holiday trade. No better stocks can be found outside of the large cities. A glance at the columns of The Times tells the story of the readiness of the merchants to meet the holiday traders.

Those long unused British and French forces in Macedonia could be used to splendid advantage on the western war front to counteract the increasing number of Teutons brought from the eastern front. Then, after the arrival of sufficient American forces, they could be moved back for further operations in Macedonia, providing the war was not concluded before that became a necessity.

The British have leave to amend the declaration that they would continue to make such drives like that against Cambrai all winter long. The situation is considerably changed for the time being. It deserves to be stated, however, that the declaration was not made by the commanding officer of the British forces but by some pseudo-militarist who from an arm chair was following the progress of the war.

The wholesale destruction of merchant shipping by German battleships in the North sea in a single blow while the convoys of war vessels leads to the belief that shipping, both of belligerents and neutrals, has been taking many chances of getting by without detection by the Germans and that the game has been worked so successfully that it was tried on a large scale, only to meet with disaster and even disaster. The British and our other allies will have to revert to the old practice of putting the merchant ships under strong guard.

The Boston Red Sox did not win the pennant but they are winning extra fine laurels in enlistments to the national service. No less than 11 of the regular players and substitutes have enlisted in some branch of the service, so many, in fact, that the team is very much crippled for the next championship season. Incidentally, it is worth noting that this team is a member of the league, the head of which made a move recently to have the best players exempt from the service because the loss of the men would interfere with the high standing of the pastime. The Boston Red Sox have been



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steadily repudiating that idea and doing it in unmistakable manner.

The German promise to the Russian Bolsheviks not to transport troops from the Russian front to other fronts is just a "scrap of paper," like the other scrap which promised Belgium protection. Just as soon as it becomes expedient to move more men from the Russian front to the western front the German government will move them, and the Russian Bolsheviks can raise their protests all they have a mind to. Indeed, it would not be surprising if the German government were moving troops now, just as they did prior to the signing of the armistice. The Bolsheviks will find that their armistice and their treaty of peace (if it is signed) are meant by Germany to be broken whenever it suits Germany's convenience to break them.

If Switzerland permits Germany to establish a branch factory of the Krupp works in Switzerland it lays itself liable to be treated as an ally of Germany. It is well enough for Swiss industries to sell their products to one of the belligerents because that is what the United States did for two years prior to the declaration of war by Congress; but when Switzerland permits the establishment of a German factory in order to gain immunity from attack by allied armies and in order to get the benefit of labor in a foreign country the situation is entirely different. The promise of the United States government to refrain from doing anything in violation of the friendly relations existing between this country and Switzerland cannot well be stretched to cover the establishment of a Krupp factory on Swiss soil.

Just what proportion of the representatives in Congress who voted in favor of submitting the prohibition amendment to the states are themselves in favor of national prohibition is not apparent, of course, from the figures of the vote; and, therefore, it is not possible from the vote to get the reflection of public sentiment throughout the country. The vote means simply that a majority of the representatives in Congress are willing that the question be submitted to the several states. The 282 votes in favor of submitting the question to the states do not mean that many votes in favor of national prohibition, although there is no doubt that the rising tide of sentiment is in favor of national prohibition. The next seven years are to be very busy years indeed in every state of the union, providing, of course, the amendment is not ratified sooner.

CANADA'S VERDICT.

The action of the voters of the Dominion of Canada in returning the Union government with Premier Borden at the head is evidence enough that Canada—the greater part of Canada—stands with the home government in London in favor of vigorous prosecution of the war. Such a prosecution would not have been possible had not the policy of conscription been upheld in the election just concluded. Canada as a whole has contributed splendidly toward the aims of the entente allies, having sent men and money in patriotic and liberal fashion; but the country had nearly come to the limit of its capacities in voluntary enlistments and in order to continue to send soldiers to the fighting fronts it became necessary to adopt a method similar to that already in force in the United States, that of compulsory summons to service. Premier Borden and his government were solidly back of this proposal and it was on that issue that the result of the election hinged. That Borden was returned to power in overwhelming strength is evidence that the heart of Canada is still in the work of ridding the world of Prussian militarism. Canada has done well.

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CURRENT COMMENT

Tattered Flags Should Be Removed.

The Barre Times says that some of the tattered flags flying in that town should be taken down. That same thing applies to about every community where the condition of many flags is more of an insult than a tribute to the nation. Whether it is economical patriotism or plain carelessness we do not know.—Burlington News.

A Needed Change in War Department.

Managing an army of more than 1,500,000 in war time is vastly different from looking after the affairs of a peace establishment of 100,000 soldiers. The organization of a war council within the war department is in recognition of this fact. Machinery which served a year ago must be recast to meet needs more than tenfold as great, and steadily growing greater and more insistent.

Without displacing either the general staff or the war college, the new board will find its work piled up before it, because it is to plan for the support of our expeditionary forces. From time to time other officers of special training or experience will serve with the council.

This change in American army administration is not dissimilar to the reorganizations which have taken place in all of the belligerent countries. Germany, the best prepared of them all, began with Von Moltke as its army head. At the end of 1914 the charge of military affairs was given to Von Falkenhayn. Less than two years later Von Hindenburg became supreme.

France started with Joffre, took up Nivelle, and now has Pétain as responsible general. England made Kitchener its army head when hostilities began. Later, when the need of a closer knowledge of modern requirements became evident, Sir William Robertson was called back from France to become the chief organizer of the British land forces. Even the civilian government of Great Britain was changed. A war cabinet of five men was created a year ago last week, when Lloyd George became prime minister.

In facing more squarely than it has done before the tremendous problem of equipping and maintaining our expeditionary force and the reserves behind it our war department is seeking adequate machinery for a mighty task.—Boston Globe.

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For the Boys and Girls

First prize, \$10 in gold. Second prize, \$5 in gold
 Third prize, \$2 in cash. Three other prizes of \$1 each in cash

We offer these for the best compositions of not more than 150 words on the subject, "National Banks," and the contest is limited to boys and girls of 15 years of age and under.

Each composition must be neatly arranged, legibly written in the contestant's handwriting, enclosed in an envelope, and the name, street address and age marked on the envelope. These envelopes must be in the hands of the bank not later than 3 p. m. Saturday, January 5.

The following judges have kindly consented to serve, and their awards will be announced not later than Saturday, January 12.

Miss Eva G. Smith.
 Mr. H. William Scott.
 Mr. George J. Seager.

The prize compositions will be published in the Barre Daily Times, together with the names of the winners, as soon as the judges make their announcement.

We are conducting this contest in the interests of education and the promotion of thrift, and all boys and girls in Barre City, Barre Town, and all surrounding towns are free to compete. The only conditions are age limit and limitation as to number of words.

No boy or girl need to feel the least bit afraid of entering this contest, as there are no strings, and each composition will be judged solely on its merits. The names of the contestants will not be known to the judges when they examine the compositions for award of prizes. There are a number of prizes, and if you do not get the first, you may get one of the others. They are all worth trying for, and you may be the lucky one. Here is an opportunity for parents to get the children interested in banking, a subject which in later years may mean much to them. Start them on the right road, get them interested. It is your duty to the children.

Peoples National Bank of Barre

Did You Receive Your Christmas Club Check?

If you were not one of the fortunate, happy members of the Christmas Club that started fifty weeks ago who received one of our Christmas Club Checks, you can be one of the happy crowd this year. The

Christmas Club

open to-day for the benefit of those who would like to avoid the rush that follows a little later. The same plan of payments prevails.

Start with five cents and receive \$63.75 two weeks before Christmas

Here are the many plans by which you can guarantee yourself a happy, prosperous Christmas next year.

You can make your payments in any of the following ways:

Pay 2c the 1st week, 4c the second week, 6c the 3d week, and so on for 50 weeks, and we will mail you a check two weeks before Christmas for \$25.50. Or, pay 5c the 1st week, 10c the second week, 15c the 3d week, and so on, and we will mail you a check two weeks before Christmas for \$63.75.

You may reverse the order of payments if you wish to do so.

You may start with \$1.00 the first week, and pay 2c less every week till the last payment will be 2 cents. You may start with \$2.50 the first week, and pay 5c less every week until the last payment is 5 cents.

Should you prefer to pay an equal amount each week you can do so.

Pay 50 cents each week for 50 weeks and two weeks before Christmas you will receive a check for \$25.00. You can pay \$1.00 each week for 50 weeks and two weeks before Christmas you will receive a check for \$50.00, and if all the payments have been made and regularly met we will add 2 per cent. interest. Payments must be made every week or in advance.

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